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*The injustice of the enemy alone shakes me *** Forbidden to trod the soil of my country*
*A fugitive, not pursued for the sake of any sin *** homeless with no house calling to me*
*All America tries to assassinate me *** I beseech Allah to die in Jihad*
*The fingers of the cowards point to me *** Accusing me of crimes and extremism*
*Because I cling to the truth *** I demand my honor under fire*
*Alone, and the Jews are everywhere *** increasing by thousands and thousands*
*Alone…no, because the Lord of the Throne is my helper *** I believe my help is from the Lord of the Servants*

The Lion of Islam and the Martyr of the Ummah
Sheikh Abu Abdullah Usama bin Laden
- May Allah Accept Him -

Prologue

Allah the Almighty has destined for this final Ummah heavy obligations and great responsibilities commensurate with its worth to Allah and commensurate with the value of its Messenger, Seal and Master of the Prophets and the leader of the Messengers, for responsibility is given commensurate with status and the honor of this Ummah lies in its effort and continuous Jihad until the Day of Judgement.

Our Lord Exalted and Sublime has ordered us to preserve and adhere to the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of his Messenger as established and authentic means to ensure its complete obedience to His command. The sun of this rectitude and steadfastness will not set ever for this Ummah, on the evidence of the words of the Prophet (may Allah's prayers and peace be upon him) on the authority of Muawiyah, may Allah be pleased with him, who reported that the Messenger of Allah, prayers and peace be upon him, said:

‹‹ لا تزال طائفة من أمتي قائمة بأمر الله لا يضرهم من خذلهم أو خالفهم، حتى يأتي أمر الله وهم ظاهرون على الناس ››

"A group of people amongst my followers will remain obedient to Allah's orders and they will not be harmed by anyone who will help them or who will oppose them, until Allah's order (the Last Day) comes upon them while they are still on the right path." [Narrated by Ahmed and others].

We believe and are absolutely certain that Qaedat al-Jihad is from this group, by the will of Allah, for they are obedient to Allah's orders in spite of the harm inflicted upon them constantly, and in spite of the siege imposed upon them from every side, and in spite of the scarcity of aid and the plentitude and variety of enemies. There has never been at any time in history such a congregation of people from different nations and walks of life as have today gathered against the blessed Qaedat al-Jihad from among Jews and Christians, haters and hypocrites, apostates and secularists, Rafidites and people of different sects, all of them have joined together to fight this organization.

They will remain steadfast in obedience to Allah in spite of the absence of some of its leaders and the arrest of others and the pursuit of the remainder. To Allah is due the achievement of their leaders and soldiers in their patience, steadfastness and ability to absorb the blows of their enemies, despite the force of those blows and the enormity of their losses.

For the principle is Imaan and steadfastness in spite of tribulations and harms inflicted by the enemy.

﴿ وَإِنْ تَصْبِرُوا وَتَتَّقُوا لَا يَضُرُّكُمْ كَيْدُهُم شَيئاً، إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ مُحِيطٌ﴾

"But if ye are constant and do right, not the least harm will their cunning do to you; for Allah compasseth round about that they do" [Aal-e-Imran: 120].

﴿ لَنْ يَضُرُّوكُمْ إِلاَّ أَذَى وَإِنْ يُقَاتِلُوكُمْ يُوَلُّوكُمْ الْأَدْبَارَ ثُمَّ لاَ يُنْصَرُونْ ﴾

"They will do you no harm, barring a trifling annoyance; if they come out to fight you, they will show you their backs, and no help will they get" [Aal-e-Imran: 111].

These harms take many forms: they might take the form of the death of Mujahideen leaders, or it might be by the arrest of some brothers including leaders, and it might be a siege or a scarcity of helping hands. It might also be at times the people of Tawhid are overcome by the infidels, the hypocrites and their helpers with their continuous resolve and consensus to fight them and wage war against them. This harm may also take the form of hostility by close relatives of the People of Truth and indeed their support for and standing by the people of falsehood in many places and situations, which bleeds the hearts of the Mujahideen and disturbs their souls.

There are many other examples which testify to the fact that the road of truth is fraught with suffering and material and spiritual harm. Constantly, as a basic principle, the spirit must become inured to its consequences.

Affliction is a requirement of spreading the Da'wa, and a fundamental condition of empowerment. A person is not empowered until he suffers. And he does not suffer until Allah desires through him goodness for His Deen in this world and the Hereafter.

We May Lose the Battle, But We Will Not Lose the War

The war with our enemies is represented today in a group of battles that we wage on several fronts: those battles that are imposed upon us, and those battles where we have the choice to either wage or postpone. They are all considered pivotal and important in this long-term war.

And one of the laws of Allah in this universe is that He made the days alternate and made events go according to knowledge that Allah knows:

﴿ إِن يَمْسَسْكُمْ قَرْحٌ فَقَدْ مَسَّ الْقَوْمَ قَرْحٌ مِّثْلُهُ وَتِلْكَ الأيَّامُ نُدَاوِلُهَا بَيْنَ النَّاسِ وَلِيَعْلَمَ اللّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُواْ وَيَتَّخِذَ مِنكُمْ شُهَدَاء وَاللّهُ لاَ يُحِبُّ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴾

"If a wound hath touched you, be sure a similar wound hath touched the others. Such days (of varying fortunes) We give to men and men by turns: that Allah may know those that believe, and that He may take to Himself from your ranks Martyr-witnesses (to Truth). And Allah loveth not those that do wrong" [Aal-e-Imran: 140].

The war between us and our enemies has its ups and downs and the events of the war will not always be in favor of the believers. Indeed, the opposite may be true in many stages, for many reasons that would take long to explain, some of which are due to fate, and others due to causes of Shari'ah. In the end, the believer must be content with what is fated and accept it. At the same time, he should seek for the reasons and elements for victory while eliminating the causes and factors of defeat from his soul and from the surroundings in which he moves.

A war consists of a number of battles. We may lose some of them in the physical sense of defeat, but according to the divine concept of the meaning of defeat, an Ummah bearing this Deen cannot be defeated. Every defeat must contain within its folds aspects of victory, or, in other words, motivators to overcome weakness and avoid the causes of defeat. The Ummah of Islam must seek to spread this Deen and apply it on this earth, according to the Will of Allah and His effective commands.

So it is a victorious Ummah in all cases, elevated by its belief, creed, and the final message that it carries for the world. Its battles are not manifested on the battlefield alone. Rather, they transcend this into many fields, especially the field of the soul, where it seeks to summon people and change the course of their lives completely. This war is no less serious than fighting the enemy with a weapon.

There is no clearer proof of this truth than the care of the enemies to place material and moral obstacles in the path of the Da'wa so that it does not reach the people and extricate them from the ignorance and dilemma into which they have fallen and turn them into supporters of right and soldiers to destroy the landmarks of the falsehood in whose shadow they used to live.

Allah Exalted and Sublime destined for His Religion victory and triumph over other worldly religions and creeds.

﴿ هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَى وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ﴾

"It is He Who has sent His Messenger with Guidance and the Religion of Truth, that he may proclaim it over all religion, even though the Pagans may detest (it)" [as-Saff: 9].

The Almighty also said:

﴿ كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَأَغْلِبَنَّ أَنَا وَرُسُلِي إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ ﴾

"Allah has decreed: 'It is I and My apostles who must prevail": For Allah is One full of strength, able to enforce His Will" [al-Mujadila: 21].

No matter to what extent the cunning of the enemies may reach us and harm us; the group of believers, they will not go past physical and material harm. Look, O Muslims, what has been happening in the lands of the Muslims for years: they have destroyed the houses over the heads of the young, the sheikhs and the women. They have brought down schools over the heads of children, hospitals over the heads of the sick and wounded, as well as training camps, and even the houses of Allah. They have closed many institutions and stopped many of the public activities by which the Ummah strengthens itself. They have arrested many of the sons of the Ummah who have been working in the field or have killed them, but they can never stop the journey of al- Da'wa wal-Jihad, and they can never stop the help and the veins in which the blood of the Mujahid flows.

All this is happening, and it is a harm that reaches us at times, but we must bear it and be patient in the face of its losses, pains, and wounds. The nature of this religion is that it is strengthened by such a siege, such harm, and with such great sacrifices.

Yet, when the confrontation with those enemies is on the ground, then the equation is flipped. They are then too cowardly to confront their enemies and too cowardly to fire, and they become easy prey in the hands of the Mujahideen:

﴿ وَإِن يُقَاتِلُوكُمْ يُوَلُّوكُمُ الأَدُبَارَ ثُمَّ لاَ يُنصَرُونَ﴾

"If they come out to fight you, they will show you their backs, and no help shall they get." [Aal-e-Imran: 111].

If a Wound Hath Touched You, Be Sure a Similar Wound Hath Touched the Others

The harm that had been inflicted upon Qaedat al-Jihad recently is considered a great pain and ulcer embodied by the death of its first leader and guide Sheikh Abu Abdullah Usama bin Laden, may Allah elevate his position. In addition, the event in terms of size and importance cannot be compared to any other news, and we cannot draw parallels between it and the rest of the losses and harms that have been inflicted upon the organization – on the surface. In truth, however, we assert with all certainty that this event contains in it great good and many benefits and much wisdom that we may not realize now in the midst of this current media furor that has accompanied and continues to accompany this great event.

Therefore, we should deal with this as a calamity on the surface, but as a gift in reality from a perspective of pure faith and education in order for us to be able to pick the fruits that are hidden from many of those Muslims who oppose and fight us.

All people view this event as a great loss and a decisive and mortal blow to the al-Qaeda organization. There are those who go even further by saying that the organization will not remain standing after what happened. Its fate will be extinction or at the very least it would be fragmented into petty bands possibly in conflict with each other, which will lead inevitably to its death, just like what happened to its first leader and Emir.

The wound that afflicts us today is hard on the souls, without a doubt. It is, however, fated by Allah Exalted and Sublime, and is part of a series of hardships that Allah destined for this Ummah, at the forefront of which is this victorious group, Allah willing, that stands up for Allah's command and is patient in the face of the consequences of this path.

Our precious lost one is considered to be the last in a series of great leaders who created victory for this Ummah and seek to rebuild the lost Caliphate, through the power of Allah. Each one of them is like a brick in this blessed and lofty edifice that will soon be completed.

What follows are instructional positions in the form of a group of messages that I address to several parties that have a direct and deep connection to the event. I say with reliance on Allah:

First: To Qaedat al-Jihad and Its Soldiers

Know, O beloved ones, that Allah is testing you in this event just as he tested you with previous events, to see what you will do. You know more than to let this just, divine wisdom pass you by. Allah's fate stops for no one, for His law is ongoing and will not be replaced nor changed. If it had changed for anyone, it would have changed for the best of His creation, Muhammad bin Abdullah, may the peace and prayers of Allah be upon him. We saw that all of his life was hardship, tragedy, and sacrifice until he met Allah. It was thus for his good companions, the best of creation after our noble Prophet, including Abu Bakr al-Siddiq and the three martyrs Umar al-Farouq, Uthman, and Ali, may Allah be pleased with them.

So did their death or martyrdom detract from their value? And did the journey of Islam stop with their death and their martyrdom? Or did it increase in clarity, strength, and cohesion until the call of Tawhid spread across the horizons, conquered countries, and liberated the world?

This is the nature of the call of Tawhid. It spreads with the death of its people, and it is strengthened and becomes firmer with their martyrdom. No matter how much we speak of the good of martyrdom in Islam, we still cannot encompass all the great benefits and fruits that the believing group gains from the martyrdom of its sons in general and the martyrdom of its leaders especially.

Today you are faced with great responsibilities to preserve the purity of this call and its continuity, and to try to realize all the hidden lessons and examples behind the absence of our martyred leader, and to absorb this great blow so as to strengthen our backs instead of breaking them, which is what our enemy wishes.

We want all of the leadership of al-Qaeda to turn into Usama, so that we have more than one Usama, complicating the job of our enemies in tracking you, so that Usama will remain alive to attack their homes and turn their lives into an unbearable hell to the extent that they regret the day that their souls allowed them to touch Usama.

If Usama died, there are thousands upon thousands of Usama's that will take his place, continue his path, and nurture, organize, and direct the groups of the Mujahideen everywhere. Many new fronts will be opened up against our enemies in places they did not consider, and they would not have been opened had Usama been alive because they were the result and natural fruit of his martyrdom, may Allah accept him and elevate him to paradise. This is one of the illustrations of the meaning that the martyr is alive and does not die in the minds, souls, and conscience of the Ummah.

Second: To the Supporters of Al-Qaeda and the Jihad in General

O loyal supporters of al-Qaeda, go with Allah's blessing in your support of Allah's religion. Remain in your places, and stand over your trenches. By Allah, it is not a defeat and should not be so. Indeed, it is a far smaller wound than what afflicted the Muslims on the day of Uhud when rumor was spread of the death of the Prophet, may the peace and prayers of Allah be upon him, and the Muslims left the battlefield thinking that Islam had ended with the death of the Prophet. But the calls of the steadfast companions were being shouted, shaking the souls and awakening them from the lethargy caused by that great shock: *"If the Prophet of Allah died, stand and die for that which the Prophet died, may the peace and prayers of Allah be upon him."*

We in our turn say and shout in the souls of the Ansar: If our leader Usama died, he is merely a Mujahid, a member of the Ummah, who wished for martyrdom and sought it. The path of Jihad will not stop with his death, Allah willing, but rather, it should be stronger than it was before. Just as you should intensify your efforts and be careful to complete your missions and continue your preparation for the coming battles with great determination and will. Allah will not abandon your efforts, instead He will bless them, just as He blessed them while Usama was alive among you. The Deen is Allah's religion. It is He Whom we seek, and He is alive and does not die. We will die for that what Usama died, so let our enemies die of their frustration.

O supporters, there are those of you who stand beside the Mujahideen in the trenches of the conflict, with their soul, money and all they own. They are decisively linked to the Mujahideen and the Jihad, and have nothing left to lose or be afraid of in terms of worldly pleasures or status. Thus, they are an indivisible part of the Jihadi gathering, commanded by its commands and restricted by its restrictions. They go with the interest of Jihad wherever it may go. They are represented today by the thousands of youth who have left for the land of Jihad and joined the ranks of the Mujahideen there. There are those who wage the battles directly and those who are still in the preparation phase. And there are those who have been set apart and are waiting to fulfill their role in this battle. And at the right time and place, they are in constant unity, wherever they place their effort, and Allah will reward it, Allah willing.

This group is characterized by superb traits of discipline and organization and they are considered the long arm of the Jihadi group. The enemy calls them "sleeper cells" but, in truth, they are awake and cautious cells. This is why the enemy was unable to expose them and will not be able to do so, Allah willing, until they fulfill their missions as well as possible in Allah's care and preservation.

There is another type of supporter, who did not go to the battlefield. They are found everywhere and especially in the Islamic lands under the rule of the apostate regimes. They yearn mightily to practice the worship of Jihad, but they lack the proper and required preparation. In waiting to achieve this, we find them undertaking many actions that are in the interest of supporting the Mujahideen, whether in the fields of Da'wa, media, finance and security. At the same time, they seek to prepare for the defensive Jihad in their countries which have been occupied by the apostates. They understood well that there is no difference between the original infidels and the apostate rulers in terms of the necessity of waging Jihad against them. They are two sides of the same coin, knowing that fighting the closer apostate is worthier than fighting the distant infidel.

These tasks should be more present in the life of those supporters after the death of the leader Usama. I point out especially the mission of the supporters of the Jihad media, in this sensitive and important stage of the Jihad of the Ummah. We are in great need of reviving the biography of the martyred leader and disseminating his positions, directives, and the narrative of the attacks that he led or participated in so that he may remain alive among us and a thorn in the throats of our enemies, so that the result of their killing him and his absence from this world is his constant presence among his supporters, followers, and students.

Third: To the Enemies of Al-Qaeda

To those we say, rejoice in what will harm you, as you have opened upon yourselves new doors to hell and increased the intensity of the animosity between us and yourselves. You have hurt us through our dearest and most precious of leaders. You were nothing but an instrument of Allah's will in ending the life of the leader Sheikh Usama, for he could not have delayed or moved up his death even by a moment. Moreover, he achieved his desire of martyrdom in Allah's cuase, head on in a fierce battle. While you were eager to capture him, Allah destroyed your hopes and achieved the goal of His worshiper Usama to fall as a martyr and reap the fruits of his Jihad that had extended past three decades.

This is the end that every Mujahid from al-Qaeda desires. Not only that, but, a Mujahid hopes to get martyred several times just as his commander Messenger - may the peace and prayers of Allah be upon him - hoped; it was narrated that the Prophet, may the peace and prayers of Allah be upon him, said:

‹‹ والذي نفس محمد بيده لولا أن أشق على المسلمين ما قعدت خلاف سرية تغزو في سبيل الله أبداً ، ولكن لا أجد سعة فأحملهم ، ولا يجدون سعة ، ويشق عليهم أن يتخلفوا عني ، والذي نفس محمد بيده لوددت أني أغزو في سبيل الله فأقتل ، ثم أغزو فأقتل ، ثم أغزو فأقتل ››

"By the Being in Whose Hand is Muhammad's life, if it were not hard upon the Muslims, I would not lag behind any expedition undertaken for Jihad, but I do not possess abundant means to provide the Mujahideen with riding animals, nor do they (i. e. all of them) have abundant means (to provide themselves with all the means of Jihad) to follow me, nor would it please their hearts to stay behind me. By the Being in Whose Hand is the soul of Muhammad, I would love to fight in the way of Allah and be killed, to fight and again be killed, and to fight again and be killed." [narrated by Bukhari and Muslim].

This is the wish of our honorable Prophet, so how can it not be the wish of every Muslim Mujahid after him, because they went out and left their homes, families, businesses, and jobs. So what have you reaped other than shame and disappointment? Meanwhile, Sheikh Usama reaped the gardens of paradise - and the pleasure of Allah. We regard him thus and we do not praise him before Allah.

You have taken the initiative to hasten the confrontation with the heroes of al-Qaeda, and you will see what will make the hair of the young turn gray and make you forget the disasters of the two attacks in New York and Washington. The fronts this time are numerous and far apart and the strikes will come whence you do not expect, so rejoice in what harms you and prepare well for this matter. It is coming, and soon!

And if you thought that the killing of Sheikh Usama would weaken al-Qaeda, then you are mistaken, delusional, and do not comprehend the nature of our Religion. Despite spending billions on your studies and institutions in an attempt to understand and realize the secrets of our true Religion, and despite the experiences you have had with the Jihadist groups headed by al-Qaeda, you remain a people that do not know nor understand.

Just as Islam's supporters and adherents were strengthened, spread and multiplied after the death of the Prophet of Islam, Muhammed bin Abdullah, may the peace and prayers of Allah be upon him, after the death of the first Caliph al-Siddiq, may Allah be pleased with him, and the martyr Caliphs Umar al-Farouq, Uthman, and Ali, may Allah approve of them all, Islam increases in power and strength among the people, whenever an Emir or one of its leaders falls, as if the blood of those people gives a unique impetus to this religion so that it is new blood coursing through the body of this Ummah or blessed water that irrigates the great tree of Islam causing it to take root in the earth and grow as its luxuriant shade spreads.

Fourth: To the Group "Who Listens To Them"

You who hold the cane from the middle and stand in the middle between the group of righteousness and their supporters and the group of hypocrisy and defeat, you are ever in need of those who will remind you of your duties towards your religion. If we ignore you for even a short period of time we find that you have changed course and abandoned the ranks and joined the defeatists:

﴿ وَفِيكُمْ سَمَّاعُونَ لَهُمْ ﴾

"And among you are those who have listened' [al-Tauba: 47].

We find you always repeating the specious arguments of those who have no understanding or awareness, away from the understanding of the laws of Allah in the summons and in conflicts with evil.

You are like the people of Israel who said to Moses, may peace be upon him:

﴿ قَالُوٓاْ أُوذِينَا مِن قَبْلِ أَن تَأْتِينَا وَمِن بَعْدِ مَا جِئْتَنَا ﴾

"They said: "We have had (nothing but) trouble, both before and after thou camest to us." [al-Araf: 129].

This is a similar and repeated position, as if this type of soul had drunk from the same spring and was created to mutter and complain and not endure in the name of Allah. They would like Allah Almighty to grant them heaven in this world and the Hereafter without paying the smallest price in His cause.

Until when will you remain angry at the current situation, and cast blame upon the Mujahideen because of the humiliation and injustice you live in?

Is it not time for you to decide to move to a higher level of commitment and to take up responsibility? Are you not part of this Ummah that had decided to rise to restore its old glory? Until when will you remain a negative phenomenon and a weapon in the hands of our enemies for them to use you and armor themselves with you in their vicious war against the Mujahideen?

The loss of our leader is a source of power and inspiration for us to continue the path and make greater efforts to liberate ourselves and you along with us, in order to expel the occupation from our lands, and drive them out of our homes, as they tried to expel us from

them, and make us turn away from our religion using all possible methods.

Are you pleased to be of assistance to them against us and stab your brothers in the back, so that you lose this world and the Herafter? If you had stood by your brothers and blocked your ears from hearing the rumors of the enemies and their discouragement, you would be participating in the process of renewal and in the battles of liberation, even if it is only with your words, hearts, and prayers, which will win for you Allah's approval on the Day of Judgment.

Our leaders - among whom and at the head of whom is our leader Abu Abdullah Usama, may Allah accept him - are human beings and soldiers that were sent by Allah to do the duty of bringing the worshipers away from worshiping slaves to worshiping the Lord of the worshipers. Their life-spans are known and their efforts limited and they are not fated for immortality in this world.

If they have lived, then it is for Allah and the Deen. If they have died, it is for the sake of Allah. The path of Jihad will not be stopped with their death and will not be perverted, through Allah's power and strength, as this is due to the blessing of the blood of those leaders and their loyalty to Allah Sublime and Exalted.

We thank Allah for His apparent and hidden blessings. We are patient in the face of the trials He sent us, both great and small. We ask Him to grant us sincerity in words and deeds, steadfastness, and uprightness in following His command, to grant us martyrdom for His sake, to follow the beloved ones; Muhammad and his companions, and to accept our leader and Emir, the Lion of Islam; Usama, and all of the martyrs, until the Day of Judgment.

Written to Provide Aid to the Supporters of Allah and to Frustrate His Enemies:
Abu Sa'd al-'Amili
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